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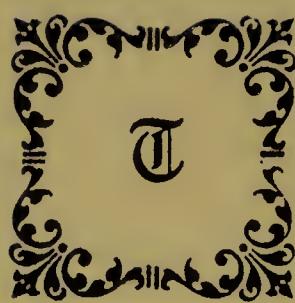
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# Background of the Family



THE EUROPEAN HOME of our branch of the Simon family was in Rhine-Bavaria; also called the Rhine Phalz and the Palatinate. Today the land is part of Germany but at that time it belonged temporarily to Austria. Rhine Bavaria was the part of old Bavaria lying west of the River Rhine which formed its eastern boundary. Together Hesse and Rhine Bavaria were situated in the bend of the River.

All during the middle ages the Counts Palatine of the Rhine ruled here; hence the term "The Palatinate" for the region.

The Rhine was a great artery of trade and dominated this region. The Celts and the Romans each in turn had fought to control it. In the fifth Century the barbarian tribes who overran the Roman empire poured into the Rhineland which ever since has been the home of the Germanic people.

Besides its economic value the Rhine River is surpassingly beautiful.

It rises high in the Alpine glaciers and flows for seven hundred miles through plains and gorge to reach the open sea.

Its green water rushes with a powerful current at the foot of the famous gorge between Coblenz and Bingen. On either side are steep black hillsides cultivated with vineyards to the water's edge, high cliffs, huge rocks, towers and ivy covered ruins of castles "hanging in the air upon points of rocks."

The wars of the Seventeenth Century had devastated these castles of the feudal barons who once exacted tribute from the river traffic.

We find the Simon family living in the upper Rhenish low plain near Worms. Here the river flows wider in a more open valley between low banks.

The bottom land of this upper plain was some of the most fruitful soil in Germany. The Simons were farmers here, and like the other farmers, lived in one of the quaint villages of the vicinity. Their big trading town was Worms, situated on the Rhine.

Worms was an ancient Roman town. Throughout the centuries, it had been famous in the history and legend of the Rhineland. It was the scene of the brave deeds of Siegfried. When the Simon men went to trade in the market place of Worms, they could still view the ruins of the old town wall and the tower. This town was the cultural center of their life.

At Worms, Martin Luther had defied Charles the Fifth in 1521. The spirit of the Reformation was in the Rhineland and the Simons were strongly Protestant.

The religious wars ruined the Rhineland. First, the terrible Thirty Years War devastated the countryside. Later in the Seventeenth Century, there came the even more terrible armies of the French King Louis the Fourteenth, destroying the land and blowing up the castles.

The Rhenish Palatinate suffered especially from the horrors of these wars. The people were starving, their life unbearable; so they emigrated.

William Penn had travelled through Rhine Bavaria to find settlers for his colony in Pennsylvania. A group of Protestant religious refugees from this European region came over about 1683 and founded Germantown, near Philadelphia.

From this time on, the Palatinate Germans poured into the United States. They formed a large proportion of the Germans of the earlier migration.

The English Queen Anne invited the persecuted Protestants of the Palatinate to come to England and from hence to be transported to a haven in the colony of New York.

Around thirty thousand accepted her invitation in 1708 and 1709 and of these the majority crossed the Atlantic and eventually settled in Schoharie on the Hudson River. Later the Germans left Schoharie and travelled to new wild land in the Mohawk valley where they settled permanently.

The early settlers wrote to those at home of the great opportunities in the new world, with the result that the Rhineland was in a frenzy to migrate. The number who came kept increasing. By 1843 when the older Simons migrated, entire villages were selling out their farm lands and goods, and shipping to America.

The Simons belonged to the last part of the early German migration.

There was no room for expansion in the old country; so, hopeful and daring, the Germans sought the broad land of America.

At that time America was a vast unexplored territory, with hundreds of miles of primeval forests. The West lay silent, unlimited beyond the setting sun.

The Germans settled the good valley lands of the East; but they also were pioneers of the West. They spread along the entire frontier; and guarded it. Their log cabins in the depths of the vast forest were a big factor in keeping our western land from England, who was determined to hem the brave new country of the United States to the Atlantic seaboard.

Northwestern Ohio was a frontier when the Simons first came. Bryan Ohio was a new little town in the woods, when J. A. Simons first put out his shingle. Bryan was called, "The Fountain City" then because of the natural fountains gushing up from the ground, due to the abundant underground streams.

Year by year, the German settlers moved farther West with the frontier, until about 1890 there was no more frontier.

The Germans are a branch of the great Aryan family of peoples (sometimes called the Indo-Caucasians); and are the original ancestors of the English. Their temperament is marked by initiative, enterprize and venturesomeness. They have great mechanical and organizing ability. Their striving, industry, and thrift usually crown their endeavors with success. In native intelligence and the cultural arts they could not be surpassed on the continent of Europe.

The Rhineland, the European home of the Simons and Otterbein families seems to have been the very heart of German land and German traits, the original settlers bringing with them these fine abilities to the United States, their permanent new home.

# The Immigrant Simon Family

THE SIMON FAMILY were German, although the name "Simon" is French. Very early in the 18th or late in the 17th Century, a Frenchman named Simon came from nearby France to visit relatives in Rhine Bavaria. He never returned to his native land, but married a German girl and settled in the Rhine Bavaria country.

He was the ancestor of the emigrant Simon, founder of the particular Simon family, about whom this account is written.

Although we have no documentary proof, family tradition gives the Christian name of our immigrant German ancestor as John, and he is referred to here as John Simon.

**John Simon**, born 17—; in Rhine Bavaria, married **Catherine Philippine Otterbein**. He came from a family of only two boys. The other boy, who had a very unusual Christian name, ran away from Germany, and is said to have gone to sea. He was never heard from again.

The Otterbeins were a more numerous family. Catherine had a number of sisters who never left the Rhineland; and at least one brother, John Otterbein, who had already emigrated to America. One of her sisters was a Frau Genshimer. Among the Christian names of her sisters was a Sibylla and a Victoria.

The John Simon family lived at Kindenheim, Rhine Bavaria, nine miles from Worms. From the nearby hilltop, they could see the Rhine River.

The couple were farmers, owning sixty acres of good land, some of it in vineyards. They made their own hard liquor and wine from the grapes and grain on their farm. Their eldest son, John Philip Simon was the traveling salesman for their products.

The family lived in a three story stone house. When Johann Adam practiced the flute, he was always banished to the third story because an aunt, living with the family did not care for the music.

The Simons spoke "high German", the language of this region.

Their religion was Protestant, this part of Europe being the land of the Reformation.

John Simon and his wife, Catherine Otterbein Simon were the parents of six children, all born in Germany. They were as follows:

1. **CATHERINE SIMON** (married Dilg).
2. **JOHN PHILIP SIMON**, born June 26, about the year 1809.
3. **MARGARET SIMON**. (married Zimmerman).
4. **JOHANN ADAM SIMON**, born May 20, 1819
5. **JOHN SIMON**, born about 1829.
6. **DOROTHEA SIMON**.

In 1833, when their eldest son, John Philip came to the United States, the parents intended to come also, and sold their place at Kindenheim. The governmental authorities, however, would not permit the second son, Johann

Adam to leave the country. He was then about fourteen years old, and too near the age of eighteen when he would be subject to military duty.

The elder Simons then decided to stay in Germany, and bought a new farm at Einseltum, three or four miles away. Here they lived for ten years.

When the time came for his military service, Johann Adam Simon drew a blank. So in 1841, he immigrated to America. Probably before that date, the married daughters, Catherine Simon Dilg and Margaret Simon Zimmerman had come over. Two years later, in 1843, the couple with the rest of their children came to America. They settled in Florence Township, Williams County, Ohio, where they bought land to farm.

Within two years, the father, John Simon, died of homesickness. He had had every comfort in Germany, and hated the muddy backwoods of Williams County. The family also lost their youngest child, **Dorothea**, a young girl who died when about fifteen years old.

**John Simon**, the youngest son, born about 1829, never married. He had been jilted in his youth. He stayed at home with his widowed mother and farmed. He died about 1903 or 1904 in Williams County, Ohio.

Catherine Simon, the mother had fair hair, very blue eyes and clear cut, regular features. She was adept with the needle, and like many other German girls in her youth she did the finest embroidery and needlework as a pastime. In her later years, she was somewhat crippled with rheumatism.

John Simon, the father had dark hair and brown eyes. John Philip resembled his father and the Simons with the same dark hair and eyes. John Philip's wife Sevilla Gensheimer was a handsome blonde woman.

The other two sons of the Simon family resembled their mother and the Otterbeins; being tall fair haired and blue eyed. Mrs. Katharine Hoyt, daughter of J. A. Simon remembers that her father had the bluest eyes she had ever seen. Margaret Zimmerman also was blue eyed, although she was blinded in one eye because of small pox in her youth. Catherine Dilg was said to have had sandy, reddish hair. Dorothea, the youngest girl had wavy auburn hair.

The immigrant Simons and their children were alert, intelligent people with the Rhineland characteristics of energy, a great capacity for work, and an enjoyment in living.

As a family the Simons have always been unusually astute with good judgment and common sense in all their dealings. They enjoy and are capable of being the managers and planners of any undertaking. In Putnam County, Ohio, the country people often referred to this trait as "that Simon git."

The Simons show independence of thought. Their word can be depended upon.

Many members of the family are ingenious and have the marked mechanical ability of the Germanic. However none among them have been true inventors.

Both the Otterbeins and Simons are unusually musical, even today. There are always some genuine musicians among them in every generation.

Like so many Germanic peoples, some of the Simons also have a great love of nature. J. A. Simon especially liked the outdoors. He had been a farm boy, and he knew the name of every tree in the forest. He had

similar knowledge of the birds and flowers. He sometimes spoke of the rows of fruit trees in Germany, produced from the pits planted along the side of the road. He told his children of the cyclamens that grew wild in the woods near his childhood European home.

None of these early Simons ever visited Europe again except John Philip Simon. Rhine Bavaria had now been incorporated in Germany. Mr. Simon found a number of relatives still living in the village.

The Simons meet every year for a family reunion at Cascade Park in Putnam County, Ohio.

## The John Philip Simon Family

**John Philip Simon** was born in Germany on the Rhine, June 26, about 1809. He grew to manhood in the land of his birth.

When he drew for the army, he hired someone to take his place and then came to America in 1833. The journey by sailing boat took about three months.

He was married in Germany, to a cousin, **Savilla Gensheimer** (Sybilla Gensheimer). She was born in Germany in 1812, and was related to him through the Otterbein side of the family.

The couple already had one child, **John**, before they left Germany. Baby John, aged five months, almost died from the hardships of the trip across the ocean.

Mr. Simon was always called **J. P. Simon** or **John P. Simon** throughout the countryside; but at home to his brothers and sisters he was known as **Philip Simon**.

Arriving in the United States, the couple first located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In this city of Brotherly Love was the largest settlement of German immigrants in the country.

Next they moved to Richland County, Ohio being among the pioneers here. Most of the German settlers in Richland County were Rhenish Bavarians like themselves.

John Philip and Savilla Simon located in Putnam County, Ohio in 1836. He bought a tract of wild land in the woods. He built a log house, cleared and drained his land which then became splendid acreage.

They lived on the farm until 1863. He then became a general merchant of Ottawa, Ohio and was very successful.

Mr. Simon was one of the most influential citizens of Putnam County. He was a Mason, first a member of the Defiance Lodge and then a charter member of the Kalida, Ohio, Lodge; also a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was a commissioned officer of the State Militia and took an active part in local politics.

He died April 29, 1888 and was buried in Cuba Cemetery, Putnam County, Ohio.

John Philip Simon and his first wife were the parents of twelve children. She died in 1856.

Later he married a widow, Mrs. Margaret Landis, who bore him one son, **John Adam Simon**, in 1859. The child died when about ten years old.

Mr. Simon's third wife was Mrs. Margaret Hedges who died March 25, 1895. There were no children.

The children of J. B. Simon and his wife Savilla were as follows:

I. JOHN SIMON.

II. PHILIP SIMON, died aged 21 years.

III. CATHERINE SIMON, died unmarried at 18 years of age.

IV. LEWIS SIMON

V. JACOB SIMON, died in infancy.

VI. BARBARA SIMON (Rinkle)

VII. LOUISE SIMON, died in her youth.

VIII. SOPHIA SIMON (Kesler)

IX. BINNIE (PHILOBENA) SIMON (Houck)

X. ANNA SIMON (Varner)

XI. SEVILLA SIMON (Purnell)

XII. ELIZABETH SIMON, died in childhood.

### JOHN SIMON FAMILY

1. JOHN SIMON was born in Germany, March 28, 1833 and was brought to America by his parents when an infant. The ocean voyage was so long and full of hardships that his mother thought her child would never survive the trip because he was so ill during the time on the water.

Mr. Simon was a farmer living near Dupont, Ohio. He married Julia Ann Brown, who was born November 22, 1840. He died August 23, 1916; and she died December 18, 1922.

The couple were the parents of five daughters as follows:

(1) Sevilla Simon born October 13, 1867; married Abe Andrews. Now a widow, she lives near Cloverdale, Ohio. There were no children.

(2) Mary Simon, born November 6, 1868; died March 20, 1944. She married Ed. Davis, who also is deceased. The couple lived at Toledo, Ohio. She left no descendants.

(3) Matilda (Tillie) Simon was born December 7, 1870, died Oct. 29, 1950. She married Lewis Lucas. The couple lived on a farm near Cloverdale, Ohio. They had one son only, Ivan Lucas.

Ivan Lucas born January 25, 1889, married Austa Hale, October 2, 1909. The couple reside near Cloverdale, Ohio. They were the parents of five children as follows:

(a) Virgil Lucas, born December 2, 1910, married Louise Rimes, resides at Kalida, Ohio. There are no children.

(b) Robert Lucas, born July 21, 1914, married Ruth Austermiller. There are two children; Mary Lee born July 4, 1938 and Cheryl Louise, born February 10, 1945. The family lives at Napoleon, Ohio.

(c) **Donald Lucas**, born March 30, 1916, married **Elinor Sanner**. The couple live at Columbus Grove, Ohio; and have one child, **Susan Dianne** born November 7, 1942.

(d) **Juanita Lucas** was born June 17, 1921. Her husband is **Paul Eugene Ewing**. The couple live at Dayton, Ohio. She has four children, two by a previous marriage as follows:

**Judith Joan Fasig**, born November 17, 1941.

**John Herold Fasig** born August 23, 1944.

**Paul Eugene Ewing, Jr.** born July 14, 1949.

**Robert Alan Ewing** born April 18, 1951.

(4) **Etta Simon** was born March 24, 1876 and died December 3, 1918. She married **Fred Preble**. The couple lived at Ada, Oklahoma. There were no children.

(5) **Lucretia Simon** born September 19, 1873, married **Levi Alford**. Now a widow, Mrs. Alford resides with her only child, a daughter, **Mrs. Nina Hawk**, at Bowling Green, Ohio.

(a) **Nina Alford** married **Edmond L. Hawk**, November 26, 1919. The couple have one child, a daughter, **Aleta**. They reside at Bowling Green, O.

**Aleta Hawk** born April 12, 1925 at Toledo, Ohio, married **Robert E. Croy**, August 14, 1949 at Bowling Green, Ohio. The couple now live at Toledo, Ohio, and are the parents of an infant son, **Jerrold Croy** born April 5, 1951.

## LEWIS SIMON FAMILY

**IV. LEWIS SIMON** was born April 24, 1839 in Putnam County, O. He was raised on his father's farm, and like all the other children of the countryside went to school in a log school house.

On April 13, 1861 he was married to **Barbara M. Dangler**, the daughter of George and Fannie Fender Dangler.

Four children were born to this union, **Anna, Veronica, John A. and Barbara**.

Mrs. Barbara Simon died on May 11, 1868.

**Mr. Lewis Simon** married a second time to **Jennie Apger** on March 13, 1870. She was born February 10, 1847, the daughter of John R. and Elizabeth Atchley Apger, who were natives of Carroll County, Ohio.

The couple had the following children: **Mary L., Charles E., Chester L., Ora A., Lewis Jr., Blanche** and **Ralph B.** There was also an infant who died.

Mr. Simon was a general farmer, having had a large farm in Greensburg Township, Putnam County. An old account states that "his farm consists of one hundred fifty acres of splendid land, one of the best farms in Putnam County. The barn especially is not excelled in the county for size, substantiability and convenience."

Mr. Simon was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Ottawa, Ohio, and belonged to the United Brethren Church. He was very astute in all his dealings. His wife Jennie, was "an active woman of cheerful disposition."

The couple were leaders in the community.

The descendants of Lewis Simon are described as follows:

1. **Anna Simon** married **Henry Kirkendall**. He was born in Putnam County, Ohio, February 18, 1858. The couple lived on a farm in Putnam County. They reared four children, **Lula**, **Fay**, **Ralph S.**, and **Chester**.

(a) **Lula Kirkendall** married **Samuel Elsea**. They live in Miami, Fla. Their married son, Paul Elsea also lives in Miami, Florida.

(b) **Fay Kirkendall** married **W. A. Haihl**. They reside Route 1, Camby, Indiana. Their children are:

**Howard Haihl**, married, Route 1, Camby, Indiana.

**Paul Haihl**, married, Box 102, West Newton, Indiana.

**Alice Haihl**.

(c) **Ralph S. Kirkendall** was born in Palmer Township, Putnam County, Ohio, July 17, 1891. He married **Joycie Troyer**, August 26, 1914. The couple lives at Continental, Ohio.

Their children are as follows:

**Mrs. Ivan Belville** of Bowling Green, Ohio.

**Howard Kirkendall**, Continental, Ohio.

**Mrs. Helen Stimson**, wife of **Cecil Stimson**, residing near Detroit, Mich.

**Rolland Kirkendall**, Continental, Ohio.

**Aileen Kirkendall**, Continental, Ohio.

(d) **Chester Kirkendall** married **Madge Donelson**. The couple have a son **Lowell**, and a daughter, **Ruth Ann Kirkendall**.

Lowell is married and has a daughter, **Lynn Marie**.

Chester Kirkendall and his family all reside at Toledo, Ohio.

(2) **Veronica (Rona) Simon** was born November 14, 1864 in Greensburg Township, Putnam County, near Cuba, Ohio.

She married **Geoge Ridenour**, December 1, 1887. He was born October 27, 1860 in Perry Township, Putnam County, Ohio. The couple lived on a farm. Both are deceased. They had two children, **Ottie** and **Lewis Ridenour**.

(a) **Lewis Ridenour** married **Hazel Smith**. They live on a farm near Continental, Ohio. They have a married son **Richard Ridenour**, who also lives on a nearby farm.

(b) **Ottie Ridenour** married **Harle Heitzman**. They live on a farm near Cloverdale, Ohio.

The couple have the following children:

**Ruth Heitzman**, resides at Piqua, Ohio.

**George Heitzman** married **Dorthy Lesh**. The couple have two small children, **Valerie** and **Gloria Heitzman**.

**Alta Heitzman** married **David Lohman**. They reside at Delta, Ohio.

**Daniel Harold Heitzman** lives at home.

(3) **John A. Simon** was born March 23, 1866 on his father's farm in Putnam County, Ohio. He married **Millie Mullet**, October 1, 1891, and died

November 29, 1910, at the age of forty-five. The couple lived on a farm. They had one daughter.

(a) **Lenore Simon** born 1897, married **Paul Mootz**. She is deceased. Her two children **William** and **Joan Mootz** both live in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Mrs. Millie Simon**, the widow of **John A. Simon** resides in Continental, Ohio.

(4) **Barbara Simon** died in infancy.

(5) **Mary L. Simon** died on October 31, 1876.

(6) **Charles E. Simon** married **Carrie Shafer**. He is a farmer living in Greensburg Township, Putnam County, Ohio. The couple have seven children, **Paul, Helen, Mary, George, Marjorie, Ruth Ann and Alice Simon**.

(a) **Paul Simon** married **Osa Tracy**. They live at Continental, Ohio.

(b) **Helen Simon** married **Ollie Gulker**, resides at Ottawa, Ohio.

Their children are **Charlene (Mrs. Don Robenalt) Allan and Joyce Gulker**.

(c) **Mary Simon** married **Harold Thompson**, lives at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. They have a son **Richard Thompson**.

(d) **George Simon** married **Ruth Hiltner**. The couple have four daughters, **Dorothy, Margaret, Carol and Sarahjane Simon**. The family home is at Continental, Ohio.

(e) **Marjorie Simon** married **August Liebius**, resides at Toledo, Ohio. The couple have two children, **Marilyn and June Liebius**.

(f) **Ruth Ann Simon** married **John Carhart**. They reside in Phoenix, Arizona, and have two children, **Linda and John Carhart**.

(g) **Alice Simon** married **Hal Bachman**. Their children are **Philip and Barbara Bachman**. The family resides at Toledo, Ohio.

(7) **Chester L. Simon** was born January 28, 1878 in Greensburg Township, Putnam County, Ohio. He was first married to **Maud Jenkins** of Continental, Ohio.

There were three children by this marriage, **Edna, Gale and Lowell Simon**.

Mrs. Maude Simon died January, 1908.

He was married a second time, March, 1911, to **Carrie Holgewaks**. No children were born to this second marriage.

Mr. Chester L. Simon is a farmer of Putnam County, O.

(a) **Edna Simon** married **Ben Luzader**. The couple live at Daytona Beach, Florida. There are no children.

(b) **Gale Simon** married **Raymond Kohn**, and lives at Ottawa, Ohio. Their children are **Robert and Kenneth Kohn** of Ottawa, Ohio.

(c) **Lowell Simon** married **Cleora Blakely**. The couple reside at Toledo Ohio. They have one daughter, **Janet Simon**.

(8) **Ora A. Simon** married **P. D. Russell** of Iuka, Illinois. Both are deceased. The couple had one child, **Jennie Russell**. Now **Mrs. Owen**, she lives at Urbana. There are two children, **Nan and Conrad Owen**.

(9) **Lewis Simon, Jr.** married **Grace Keck** of Continental, Ohio. He died in 1911. There were three sons as follows:

(a) **Edwin Simon**, married; lived in California. He died about a year ago. He left one child, **Judy Simon**.

(b) **Robert Simon**, died in childhood.

(c) **Howard Simon** is married and resides at Detroit, Michigan. There are two children, **Marion** and **Bobby Simon**.

(10) **Blanche Simon** married **Ralph Shafer**. The couple live on a farm in Perry Township, Putnam County. Their two children are:

(a) **Geraldine Shafer** married **Bina Conkey**. Couple reside at Continental, Ohio, and have one daughter, **Diane Conkey**.

(b) **Howard Shafer** married **Lois Day**, lives at Continental, Ohio. The couple's three children are **Sandra, Shelton** and **John Shafer**.

(11) **Ralph Beryl Simon** born September 15, 1887 in Putnam County, Ohio married **Rowena Kuntz**. They live at or near Hudson, Ohio, and have one daughter, **Judith Simon**.

## RINKLE FAMILY

VI. **BARBARA SIMON** was born March 4, 1841 in Putnam County, Ohio. She married **Michael Rinkle** of Cuba, Ohio, a widower.

A granddaughter of the couple, **Mrs. G. E. Holmes** of Brea, California writes, "It just happens that I have the old atlas from grandpa Rinkle and I got to hunting thru and this is the outline of his children. He was married twice and had two families. \* \* \* \* \*

### FIRST FAMILY

**George** born Nov. 19, 1845, died March, 1855.

**Sarah** born May 23, 1848.

**Mary** born Feb. 22, 1850, died in 1855.

**Emma** born June 19, 1852.

**Michael** born Dec. 25, 1860, died Aug. 1861.

### SECOND FAMILY

**Flora Elizabeth** born June 7, 1862, died Oct., 1888.

**Alice Louise** born Feb. 7, 1864, died Oct., 1944.

**Odelia A.** born Dec. 11, 1865.

**John** born Sept. 9, 1867, died March, 1872.

**Benjamin** born March 1, 1873, died same month.

**Charles** born Feb. 17, 1879.

Charles was a few years old, but the atlas, which was printed in 1880, did not tell when he died."

Both sets of children were in the family circle of Mrs. Barbara Simon Rinkle and her husband; but of course, only the children of the second family are the descendants of the Simons.

(1) **Flora Elizabeth Rinkle** born June 7, 1862 in Putnam County, Ohio, married **William LeeMaster**. The couple were the parents of three children **James Floyd**, **Gail** and **Emma LeeMaster**. The young mother died October, 1888 when the youngest child Emma was still an infant.

(a) **James Floyd LeeMaster** was born December 25, 1883 at Ottawa, Ohio. He is married and lives at Bradner, Ohio. There is one son, **Robert LeeMaster** born April 27, 1921.

(b) **Gail LeeMaster (Sevilla Gail LeeMaster)** was born Nov. 29, 1885 in Putnam County, Ohio. She married **George Guy Tarr** March 17, 1926. The couple now reside in North Hollywood, California. There are no children.

(c) **Emma Louise LeeMaster** was born March 15, 1888 in Putnam County, Ohio. Her mother having died the following October, little Emma was raised by her Aunt Allie Marriott. Miss LeeMaster married **Clyde Keeler**, by whom she had one child **Elizabeth Louise Keeler**. She married, secondly **George Ervin Holmes**; who was born in 1886 in New York State. The couple live in Brea, California.

The daughter, **Elizabeth Louise Keeler**, born September 5, 1914 married **Merle E. West** born March 9, 1912. The couple live in California; and have two little children, **Michael Eldo West**, born December 24, 1941 and **Melinda Louise West**, born December 8, 1943.

(2) **Alice Louise Rinkle (Allie Rinkle)** was born February 7, 1864 in Putnam County, Ohio. In 1887 she married **Lee Marriott (Elmer Lee Marriott)**. The Marriots lived at Dupont, Ohio from about 1887 to 1907. In 1907, they settled on a homestead near Walters, Oklahoma. Both are deceased. She died October 13, 1944 at Fullerton, California.

The couple had one child only, a son, **Carl Marriott**; but Allie Marriott raised her nieces, Gail and Emma LeeMaster, daughters of her deceased sister, Flora LeMaster.

(a) **Carl Lee Marriott** was born October 26, 1890, at Dupont, Ohio. He married **Hazel Shirley** at Continental, Ohio; on June 16, 1916; immediately following his graduation from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. He has had over thirty years service as an officer in the U. S. Army and is now retired.

The couple now live in Honolulu and have three daughters **Margaret**, **Natalie** and **Eloise**.

**Margaret Marriott** born May 26, 1917 married **Gordon S. Birnie**, September 17, 1941. There are two small children; **Scott Gordon Birnie** born May 2, 1945 and **Heather Birnie** born August 10, 1948.

**Natalie Marriott** born September 26, 1919 married **Everett Hahney**, an Army Officer. At the present time, the couple live in Washington, D. C.

They are the parents of three small children, **Carol Hahney** born April 10, 1944; **William Jonathan Hahney** born September 10, 1948 and **Elizabeth Ann Hahney**, born January 4, 1950.

**Eloise Marriott** was born September 25, 1920. She lives at Wakiki Beach, Honolulu.

(3) **Odelia Ann (Delia) Rinkle** married **John Davis Watterson, M. D.** Now a widow, she resides at Kalida, Ohio. Five children were born to this marriage, as follows:

(a) **Ray Watterson**, born December 14, 1885 on the farm near Kalida, Ohio, married **Ilo English**. The couple reside on a farm R. R. 1, Lima, Ohio. There are no children.

(b) **Loy Watterson**, born March 15, 1887 on the farm near Kalida, Ohio, married **Besse Clevenger**. The couple reside on a farm R. R. 1, Lima, Ohio. Two children were born to the marriage as follows:

**Arnold Watterson**. He and his wife, **Ruby** have two little boys, **Bruce** born 1947 and **John Michael** born 1949.

**June Watterson**, deceased.

(c) **Ima Watterson** born February 22, 1893 at Kalida, Ohio. She married **Fred Gay Carter, M. D.** at St. Paul, Minnesota. The couple reside at Cleveland, Ohio. There is one daughter, **Barbara Gay Carter**.

(d) **Dillon Watterson**, born August 31, 1897 at Kalida, Ohio, died as a young man.

(e) **Marguerite Watterson**, born December 6, 1901 at Kalida, Ohio, married **Walter H. Stewart**. The couple live at Richmond, Virginia. They have two daughters; **Susie** and **Barbara Ann Stewart**.

## KESLER FAMILY

VIII. **SOPHIA SIMON** was born in Putnam County, O. She married **Rev. Philip Kesler**. The couple lived in the State of Kansas for a few years and then returned to Putnam County, Ohio.

Their children were **Anna, John and Clara Kesler**.

(1) **Anna Kesler** was born March 22, 1873 in Butler County, Kansas. She came to Putnam County, Ohio, with her parents at three years of age.

She married **Sherman Fritz** in April, 1891. He died November, 1894. There were no children. She was married secondly to **John Smeed**.

The couple resided on their farm near Dupont, Ohio. Mrs. Smeed, a widow since her husband's death January 24, 1946, continues to live on the home farm. She has lived on the same farm for fifty-eight years fifty-three of them continuously.

**John and Anna Kesler Smeed** were the parents of three children; **Zoe, Glen and Datha Smeed**.

(a) **Zoe Smeed**, born October 29, 1898, married **Guy Campbell**. The couple live at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and have the following children:

**Beulah Campbell** born September 29, 1919, married **Elmer Tielker**. The couple reside at Ft. Wayne, Indiana. There are two children, **Nancy** and **Richard Tielker**.

**Burl Campbell** born February 13, 1921, married **Peggy Saylor**. There were two children **William** and **Samuel Campbell, deceased**. Mr. Burl Campbell lives at Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

**Betty Campbell** born March 4, 1928, married **Richard Burwell**. The couple resides at Ft. Wayne, Indiana and have two young children, **Richard** and **Charles Burwell**.

(b) **Glen B. Smeed** was born May 11, 1911. He married **Hazel Hartman**. The couple live on a farm near Defiance, Ohio, Route 7. They are the parents of three children, **Herbert Smeed** born May 12, 1943; **Sharon Smeed** born August 11, 1944 and **Patricia Smeed** born November 23, 1949.

(c) **Datha Smeed**, born February 21, 1915, married **Paul Prowant**. The couple live at Dupont, Ohio.

Their oldest child, **Clyde**, born January, 1943, died in infancy.

Their second child, **Karen Prowant** was born December 21, 1945.

(2) **Clara Keeler** married **Coe B. Fruchey**, 1896, at Dupont, Ohio. The couple now live at Fayette, Ohio. To this union, twelve children were born; of whom three died in infancy.

(a) **Ocie Fruchey** married **Ed. Whitis** in 1917. The couple had four children: **Noel Lee**, **Clara Ellene**, **Richard Duane** and **Robert Coe Whitis**.

**Noel Lee Whitis** born January 14, 1919 married **Ilene Spengler** in 1942. The couple have three children, **Noel Lee, Jr.**, **Natalie Joe** and **Cheryl Kaye Whitis**.

**Clara Ellene Whitis**, born June 8, 1921, married **Lewis Blice** in 1940. They have the following children: **Patricia Ann**, **Nondolee Ray**, **Bonnie Jean** and **Wayne Lewis Blice**.

**Richard Duane Whitis** is at home.

**Robert Coe Whitis** is in service at Ft. Knox, Kentucky.

(b) **Helen Fruchey** married **John Ruelilie** and they have two daughters, **Louise Ruelilie** who married **Donald Manion** and **Vera Ruelilie** who married **Glen Brice**. All three couples live in Toledo, Ohio.

(c) **Harold Fruchey** married **Wilma Sebring** and resides at Fayette, Ohio. They have six children: **Harold Eugene**, **Carolyn Lee**, **Lyle Dean**, **Charles Lee**, **Jimmie Elwin** and **Joe Ellen Fruchey**.

(d) **Orlando M. Fruchey** married **Edith Gamble** and resides at Fayette, Ohio. They have four children as follows:

**Alice Gertrude Fruchey** who married **Richard Mohler**.

**Marcella Marie Fruchey** who married **Fred Tredway**, and lives at Lyons, Ohio.

**Betty Fruchey**, at home.

**Dale Fruchey** lives at home.

(e) **Faley Wendell Fruchey** married **Mazie Carnabaur**, of Oakwood, Ohio. They have three sons, **Garey Jay**, **Jerry Allen** and **Robert Coe Fruchey**. All are at home.

(f) **Mary Fruchey** married **Kenneth M. Ferguson** and lives in East Detroit, Michigan. They have three children, **Norma Lee**, **Shirley Jean**, and **Joan Louise Ferguson**. All are at home.

(g) **Louise Fruchey** married **Martin O'Neill** of Route 21, Delta, Ohio. The couple have four children, **Garey Lavern**, **Donelda**, **Nancy Kathleen** and **Richard O'Neill**. All are at home.

(h) **Howard Jay Fruchey** married **Ruth Bradtke**, of Waukegon, Illinois. They have two children, **Barbara Gene** and **Linda Louise Fruchey** both at home. This family is now living at Phoenix, Arizona.

(i) **Clara Barbara Fruchey** married **Woodrow F. Nine** of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. The couple have several children.

(3) **John Kesler** married **Laura Meyers**. Formerly a farmer of Putnam County, Ohio, he is now deceased.

The couple had five sons as follows:

(a) **John Lloyd Kesler**. He and his wife, **Yvonne Kesler** reside at Toledo, Ohio. There are no children.

(b) **Paul Kesler**, married and lives at Gerinfask, Upper Peninsula of Michigan. There are no children.

(c) **Gerald Kesler** of Dupont, Ohio, married **Ashley Bibler**. The couple are the parents of four boys and two girls.

Mr. Kesler farms the old John Simon place.

(d) **Forrest Kesler** married **Hazel Dence** and lives at Toledo, Ohio. There are no children.

(e) **Dale Kesler** married **Helen Lugibihl** and lives at Perrysburg, Ohio. There are no children.

## HOUCK FAMILY

**IX. BINNIE (PHILOBENA) SIMON** was born Aug. 1847 in Putnam County, Ohio. She married **Ammon L. Houck**, of Ottawa, Ohio. The couple reared three children, **Mazie, Lloyd and Fred Houck**.

(1) **Mazie Houck** was born June 4, 1869 and married **Edwin Leslie Frey**, of Ottawa, Ohio. The couple lived in Ottawa. Both are now deceased. Their three children are:

(a) **Robert F. Frey** married **Orchid Kirk**. The couple reside at Ottawa, Ohio. Their children all living at Ottawa are:

**Robert F. Frey Jr.**, married **Gladys Griffith**. She is deceased. There are four small children, **Linda, Bobbie, Corba and Billie**.

**Hugh E. Frey** married **Evelyn Johnson**. The couple have one son, **Eddie**.

**W. Kirk Frey** married **Edith Ditmar**.

**Ellin Frey** married **James H. Pierman**. The couple have one child, **Carol Karin Frey**.

(b) **Mary Frey** married **Alphonse A. Kersting**. He is deceased. She lives at Columbus, Ohio. The couple had the following children:

**Edwin J. Kersting**, Columbus, Ohio, married to **Billy Walker**.

**Lt. Richard Kersting**, killed at St. Lo in World War II.

**Carol Kersting**, married to **Joseph Dunlap**, resides at Akron, Ohio.

**Roberta Kersting**, married to **Richard Foster**, resides at Springfield, Ohio.

**Mary D. Kersting**, Columbus, Ohio.

(c) **Elizabeth Frey** married **Carl Anthony Kersting**. They live in New York City. Their children are:

**Mary Barbara Kersting**, married **James H. MacLean** and lives at Bergenfield, New Jersey.

**Donald Leslie Kersting**, married **Doris Joyce Alverson**, and lives at Tenafly, New Jersey.

(2) **Lloyd (John Lloyd) Houck** born in July 1879 in Putnam County, Ohio, married **Helen M. Long**. The couple live near Ottawa, Ohio. There are no children.

(3) **Fred Houck**, born August, 1884 in Putnam County, Ohio, married **Zoe Yenner**, who is deceased. The couple had two sons, **Richard and Robert**.

(a) **Richard Houck** married **Virginia Lee**, and has one child, **Mary Lou Houck**. This family lives at Southgate, California.

(b) **Robert Houck** married **Betty Elliott**. The couple resides at Ottawa, Ohio, and have two children, **Judy Ann** and **Robert Elliott Houck**.

### **VARNER FAMILY**

**X. ANNA SIMON** was born March 2, 1849 in Putnam County, Ohio. She married **William J. Varner** on November 21, 1869, at Ottawa, Ohio.

He was born, December 6, 1848, the son of a pioneer Putnam County family, his parents being Jacob and Eliza (Guyton) Varner. His father was born in Luray Valley, Page County, Virginia and when a young man made the long overland trek from Virginia to Putnam County, Ohio, where he entered for land from the government.

At that time in the decade of the thirties, northwestern Ohio was a wilderness with no roads. Great hordes of Indians roamed the woods, and the elder Varner would trade them salt for venison.

William Varner always remembered as a boy the wolves that howled at their cabin door, and the deer and other game that could be seen in the surrounding forest, close to the clearing.

**Anna** and **William J. Varner** lived on a farm in Putnam County, Ohio. They were the parents of five children, **Nettie, Gertrude, Carl, Zoe and Laura Varner**.

In later years the Varners retired from farming and moved to Ottawa, Ohio. William Varner was a Mason. After she was widowed, Mrs. Anna Varner resided with her daughter at Waterville, Ohio. She was a cheerful alert, energetic lady who retained her interest in life throughout the years. She lived to be the last of her family, and died August 24, 1948 at Waterville, Ohio, aged ninety-nine years and five months.

(1) **Nettie Varner** was born November 29, 1871, in Putnam County, Ohio. She married **John T. Matheny** on December 10, 1902. He was born March 7, 1868 at Kalida, Putnam County, Ohio, the son of Samuel and Adelia (Rogers) Matheny. They lived on a farm in Putnam County, and later retired, now residing at Waterville, Ohio.

The couple were the parents of three sons as follows:

(a) **Nelson Varner Matheny**, born September 8, 1903, married **Nina Fortney** and resides at Waterville, Ohio. They have three children, **Sue, Ronnie and Patty Matheny**

(b) **Howard Samuel Matheny**, born September 4, 1908, married **Myra Faber** and resides at Maumee, Ohio. They have two daughters, **Sandra** and **Judy Matheny**.

(c) **Wilson (John Wilson) Matheny**, born November 18, 1912, married **Mildred Turner** and resides at Sylvania, Ohio. They have three daughters **Nancy**, **Karen** and **Cheryle Matheny**.

(2) **Gertrude Varner** was born November 13, 1873 in Putnam County, Ohio. She married **William Fridley**. He is deceased. She resides on their farm near Pandora, Ohio.

The couple had the following children:

(a) **Ethel Fridley** married **Willis Schumaker** of near Pandora, Ohio. The Schumakers live on a farm. Their children are: **Mrs. Anna Richenbarick** of Pandora, Ohio; **Mrs. Verena D'Angeli** wife of **Mario D'Angeli** of Cleveland, Ohio; **Eric**, **Pete** and **Barbara Schumaker**, all living at home.

(b) **Clarence Fridley** married **Edith West** and resides near Pandora, Ohio. They have a daughter, **Mrs. Maxine McCasserty**.

(c) **Charles Fridley** is married and lives at Lima, Ohio. There are no children.

(3) **Carl Varner** was born about the year 1875 in Putnam County, Ohio. He married **Lena Wagner**. The couple lived on a farm in Greensburg Township, Putnam County, Ohio, and later settled at Andover, Ohio, in Ashtabula County. They were the parents of four children, **Irene**, **Manford Jay**, **William Lowell**, and **Carl Gordon Varner**. Mrs. Lena Varner died when her youngest child was three years old. Since 1929, Mr. Varner has been a resident of Chicago, Illinois.

(a) **Irene Varner** married **Ben Gaskell**. She is deceased; formerly resided in Ashtabula County, Ohio; and left several children, as follows:

**Milton Gaskell**, married and has one child.

**Homer Gaskell**, married and has four children, lives at Ashtabula, O.

**Mrs. Lena Gee** has several children and resides in Ashtabula County, Ohio.

(b) **Jay Varner (Manford Jay Varner)** and wife, **Ima**, live at McComb, Ohio. They are the parents of four children **Robert Jay**, **Harold Edwin**, **Martha Ellen** and **Maryanna K. Varner**.

(c) **William Lowell Varner** is married. There are no children.

(d) **Carl Gordon Varner** is married. There are no children.

(4) **Zoe Varner** was born January 16, 1884, Putnam County, Ohio. She married **Eugene Hunt**, and resides at Toledo, Ohio.

The couple were the parents of three children, **Lucius**, **Theodore** and **William P. Hunt**.

(a) **Lucius Hunt** born February 27, 1901 in Putnam County, Ohio, married **Ella Dee Walker** of Toledo, Ohio. The couple reside at Ottawa Hills, Ohio. They have one daughter, **Sue Hunt**. Miss Hunt married **Coleman Christian** and resides at Cleveland, Ohio. There is one small child, **Robert Christian**.

(b) **Theodore Hunt** was born, at Hartsburg, Ohio, in Putnam County. He married **Betty Ringelman**. Both are deceased; the date of his death being February 11, 1931.

The couple left two sons, **Theodore Eugene** and **Charles Hunt**. Charles lives at Delta, Ohio. **Theodore Jr.** married **Claire Calvert**, and has a small daughter, **Julia Hunt**, the family living at Norfolk, Virginia.

(c) **William P. Hunt**, was born March 24, 1905 at Gilboa, Ohio, in Putnam County. He married **May Noyes**, of Toledo, Ohio. The couple now reside at Columbus, Ohio. They are the parents of three children: **William Jr.**, **James Neill**, and **Kay Hunt** (a daughter).

**William Hunt, Jr.**, married **Joan Springer**, and resides at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. There is one small daughter, **Carolyn Hunt**.

**James Neill Hunt** married **Joanne Trees**, and lives at Chicago, Ill.

(5) **Laura Varner**, youngest child of Anna and William J. Varner died at the age of sixteen. She was born January 6, 1887 and died September 22, 1903.

## PURNELL FAMILY

**XI SEVILLA SIMON** was born June 27, 1851, in Putnam County, Ohio. She married **James W. Purnell**. The couple lived on a farm in Greensburg Township, Putnam County. They were the parents of three children: **Sarah**, **Emma** and **Harry Purnell**.

(1) **Sarah Purnell** was born February 2, 1872. She married **Almon J Mullet**, of Putnam County, Ohio. The couple are a retired farming family and now reside at Continental, Ohio. They were the parents of the following children:

(a) **Sevilla Mullet**, D. O. resides at Bryan, Ohio.

(b) **Madge Mullet** married **William C. Petererit** on November 24, 1935. The couple live near San Diego, California. There are no children.

(c) **Lois Mullet**, born April 11, 1897, in Putnam County, Ohio, married **Earl McKibben**. The couple now live at Continental, Ohio. There are three children, **Jerry**, **Robert**, and **Marjorie McKibben**.

**Jerry McKibben**, born January 13, 1920, married **Janet Augsburger**. The couple live at Lima, Ohio, and have two young children, **Gerald McKibben, Jr.** and **Ann L. McKibben**.

**Robert McKibben**, born November 24, 1923 is unmarried, and lives at home in Continental, Ohio.

**Marjorie McKibben**, born August 15, 1925 married **Chester Wagner**. The couple live at Continental, Ohio. There are no children.

(d) **Datha Mullet** wife of **Chester Kitchen**; lives in Continental, Ohio. There are no children.

(e) **Rolland Mullet** born November 24, 1901, married **Bea Donelson** of Continental, Ohio. The couple live on a farm near Napoleon, Ohio. They have one daughter, **Jacqueline Mullet**.

(f) **Mary Mullet** resides at Continental, Ohio.

(g) **Ruth Mullet** married **Richard H. Laub** on March 21st, 1942. The couple live at Hicksville, Ohio, and have two small boys, **Jackson Dick**, and **Jerome Paul Laub**, twins.

(h) **Emmadelle Mullet** died in childhood, born January 7, 1919, died February 9, 1924.

(2) **Emma Purnell** was born September 17, 1873, died January, 1945. She was a pioneer osteopath, practicing for many years at Lancaster, Pa.

(3) **Harry Purnell** married **Tillie Huffman**. He is a retired farmer and lives at Columbus Grove, Ohio. Mrs. Purnell died early in 1952. They are the parents of four children: **Grace**, **Mary**, **Beatrice**, and **James Dean Parnell**.

(a) **Grace Purnell** married **Earl O. Solms**, and lives at Bisbee, Arizona. The couple's children are as follows:

**Marjory Solms** married **Ivan McKinney**, and resides at Glendale, Ariz. They have two children, **Earl** and **Ann McKinney**.

**Eleanor Solms** married **Eugene Hill, Jr.**, resides at McNeal, Arizona. They have three children: **Janet**, **Ronald** and **Larry Hill**.

**Elaine Solms** married **Melvin Hubbard** and they live at Douglas, Ariz.

**Sandra Solms** lives at home, at Bisbee, Arizona.

(b) **Marry Purnell** married **Raymond P. Smith**. She is a widow and lives at Lima, Ohio. The couple's children are:

**Doyle R. Smith** married **Sallie Schwab**, lives at Austin, Texas.

**Nolan E. Smith** resides at Lima, Ohio.

**D'Nell Smith** resides at Lima, Ohio.

(c) **Beatrice Purnell** married **Earl F. Smith**, resides at Columbus Grove Ohio. The couple's children are as follows:

**Robert E. Smith**—U. S. Army.

**Beata Smith** married **William J. Lackey**, and lives at Cairo, Ohio. There is one son, **Craig Lackey**.

**Carol Sue Smith** lives at home, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

**Kirsten Kay Smith** lives at home, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

(d) **James Dean Purnell** married **Madge McClure**. The couple live at Columbus Grove, Ohio. They are the parents of one child, a daughter, **Mrs. Clara Marie Purnell Fike**, wife of **Robert E. Fike**. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fike reside at Leipsic, Ohio, and have one child, **Nell Ann Fike**.

## Johann Adam Simon Family

**JOHANN ADAM SIMON**, son of **John Simon**, and his wife, **Catherine Otterbein Simon**, was born on Ascension Day, May 20, 1819 at Kindenheim, Rhine (Phalz) Bavaria.

When he drew for the Army he drew a blank, and then came to America when he was twenty-two years old. The journey overseas took three months, the sailing vessel arriving here in October, 1841.

The young man went first to visit his Uncle John Otterbein at Cedarville, New York. He went to school there to learn the English language. Within a couple of years, in 1843, he located in Florence Township, Williams County, Ohio, where he taught school.

J. A. Simon (called "Adam" by the family) also farmed a tract of land he had purchased in Florence Township. A few years later he was admitted to the bar and practiced law at Bryan, Ohio for the rest of his life.

Mr. Simon was a man of upright character and excellent endowment. He was a student all his life, with an intense interest in cultural, and world affairs.

An old account says of Mr. Simon: "Between the ages of eight and fourteen years he received that thorough mental training which the educational system of Germany afforded to all; and being fitted with a retentive memory and aptness for acquiring knowledge, he was always classed with those older than himself; and at the age of twelve years, he was selected by his teacher as the pupil most competent to assist in hearing recitations." The teacher referred to above, was the old schoolmaster at Kindenheim, Germany, who always said that Johann Adam Simon was the brightest boy of all those he had taught throughout his many years in the profession.

Like so many of his relatives, Mr. Simon was very musical. He played piano, violin, flute or any other musical instrument that he chose. At one time, he was the volunteer conductor of the Bryan, Ohio Band.

He was a lieutenant of the "Squirrel Hunters" during the dark days of the Civil War.

J. A. Simon was married twice. His first wife whom he married about 1845 was **Lucy Landon**, daughter of a merchant. The couple had no children. She died in 1852. On June 6, 1854, he was married to **Elizabeth Emery** of Swanton, Ohio.

She had been teaching school at Bryan, when she first met Mr. Simon. She was considered a very beautiful girl with hazel eyes, chestnut hair, and rosy cheeks. She was quiet mannered and had been educated at the old stone Academy, Maumee, Ohio. She was born July 17, 1831 at Wadsworth, Ohio; the daughter of **Dr. John Emery** and his wife, **Ann Wolcott Emery**, both descendants of old New England families, who had settled first in the Western Reserve District of Ohio, and later at Swanton, Ohio, where Dr. Emery had bought an immense tract of wild land. He had been paymaster of the War of 1812.

**J. A. Simon** and his wife **Elizabeth** were the parents of six children of whom only three reached adulthood.

He died February 22, 1885 at Bryan, Ohio. His wife Elizabeth died March 12, 1918 at Toledo, Ohio. Both are buried in Fountain Grove Cemetery, Bryan, Ohio.

The children of the couple were as follows:

**I. LUCY SIMON** died in infancy.

**II. JOHNNIE SIMON** died in infancy. The death of this child changed the whole course of his parents lives. Bryan, Ohio was on the route to the Northwest, and covered wagons passed through the town every day, headed towards the far west. The Simons intended to join this westward movement and pioneer in the Black Hills region of the Dakotas. Their household goods were packed and they were living in the hotel at Bryan, awaiting the day set for their departure, when little Johnny sickened with an acute disease of childhood and died. The grief stricken parents gave up the idea of the journey and returned to their own home in the town, where they spent the rest of their married life.

**III. FLORA EMERY SIMON** married **George P. Butler**. He died May 23, 1917 at Toledo, Ohio. There were no children. Mrs. Butler resides at Toledo, Ohio.

**IV. A. LINCOLN SIMON** (called "Linnie" by the family) died at six years of age.

**V. KATHERINE (Catherine) SIMON** married **Ernest J. Hoyt**. He is deceased. The couple had three daughters: **Helen Elizabeth, Louise Anna** and **Marian Dorothy Hoyt**. Marian passed away in young womanhood. The Hoyt family live at Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Kathryn Hoyt is named for her German born Grandmother, J. A. Simon stating that his infant daughter looked exactly like his mother and should be given her full name, "**Catherine Philippine Otterbein Simon**." Little Catherine was a tow headed, blue eyed child called "Kate" by the famiy.

**VI. PHILIP WOLCOTT SIMON** married **Miss Anna Alexander** of Greensburg, Pa. She is deceased. He married secondly **Mrs. Esther Butts White**, a widow, of Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Simon is an industrialist of Oakland, California. The couple formerly lived at Berkeley, California but recently removed to Oakland.

There is one son by the first marriage, **Ralph Alexander Simon**, born October 19, 1901. He resides at Uniontown, Pa.

**Mrs. Esther Simon** had two children **Annifred** and **Rawlings** by her previous marriage, and Mr. Simon adopted Rawlings White Simon.

**Rawlings Simon** married **Mildred Rackley**, and lives at Lafayette, Calif. The couple have two small children, **Philip** and **John Simon**.

## Zimmerman Family

**MARGARET SIMON** married **John Zimmerman** in Germany. He had been a shoemaker in the old country. The couple had one child, a son, born in Germany, and also a little girl who died.

The Zimmermans settled in Florence Township, Williams County, Ohio, where they bought land to farm. They lived across the road from her parents, and were said to have had an exceedingly comfortable home for the time and place.

**JOHNNIE ZIMMERMAN**, their only living child married **Catherine Karn**. He was a Civil War Veteran who saw eighteen month's actual service. Johnnie Zimmerman and wife, Catherine were the parents of twelve children as follows:

- I. LOUIS ZIMMERMAN
- II. JOHN ZIMMERMAN.
- III. ANNA JANE ZIMMERMAN (Bechtol)
- IV. FRANK ZIMMERMAN
- V. MARY CATHERINE ZIMMERMAN (Bechtol)
- VI. MICHAEL ZIMMERMAN
- VII SAM ZIMMERMAN
- VIII. ADAM ZIMMERMAN
- IX. EDWARD ZIMMERMAN
- X. PHILIP W. ZIMMERMAN
- XI. FLORA ZIMMERMAN (Isabell)
- XII CHARLES ZIMMERMAN

**I. LOUIS ZIMMERMAN** was a bridge builder, who died in an accident while at work. The family of Louis Zimmerman used to live in Spokane, Washington. The children were:

(1) **Roy Zimmerman**. His last known address was in the Philippine Islands.

(2) **Katie Zimmerman**. It is believed that her married name is **Olson**.

(3) **Lulu Zimmerman** married **Roy Beesler**, of Marion, Ohio. The Beeslers visited at Montpelier, Ohio in 1916 or 1917, when on their honeymoon. They lived at Polson, Montana for several years, then were never heard from since. The couple had one daughter, **Bonnie**.

(4) **Mark Zimmerman**.

(5) **John Zimmerman**.

**II. JOHN ZIMMERMAN** lived in Wisconsin. He died many years ago. He had two daughters, **Maybelle** and **Mattie**. John Zimmerman was a fine musician and singer, and taught band and piano music for years. He also composed several songs.

**Mattie** is married and lives in North Dakota. She has one daughter.

**Maybelle's** married name was **Hirst**. She is deceased about ten years ago, and was survived by two children **Roy** and **Alberta Hirst** who live in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**III. ANNA JANE ZIMMERMAN** married **Delbert Bechtol**. She lives at Montpelier, Ohio. The Bechtols had the following children:

(1) **Floyd Bechtol**, deceased. He married **Irene Urban** of Detroit, Mich. He left no children.

(2) **Earl Bechtol**, resides at Jackson, Michigan. He married **Leone Steffee**. The couple have a son, **Charles Bechtol**.

(3) **Ernest Bechtol**, deceased.

(4) **Ford Bechtol** lives at Jackson, Michigan. He married **Essie Stemen**. The couple have a son, **Elsworth Bechtol**, also residing at Jackson, Mich.

(5) **Belle Bechtol** married **Fred Rigelman** of Montpelier, Ohio. There are no children.

(6) **Gail Bechtol**, deceased; formerly resided at Jackson, Michigan. Survived by widow **Mary Weber Bechtol** and seven children: **Gail Bechtol, Jr.**, **Margaret**, **Robert**, **James**, **Elizabeth**, **Jane**, and **Mary Catherine Bechtol**.

**IV. FRANK ZIMMERMAN** died a number of years ago at Angola, Indiana. He had formerly lived at Montpelier, Ohio. He was survived by a son and daughter, as follows:

(1) **Devillo Zimmerman** who resides near Montpelier, Ohio.

(2) **Effie Zimmerman French**, Montpelier, Ohio. Mrs. French has a daughter named **Iris June French**.

**V. MARY CATHERINE ZIMMERMAN** married **Frank Bechtol**. She lives at Jackson, Michigan. Her only child, **Mrs. Almeda Neil**, died about twenty years ago, leaving no descendants.

**VI. MICHAEL ZIMMERMAN**, deceased. He married **Mena Collins**. "Mike" left five children, as follows:

(1) **Floyd Zimmerman**, when last heard from, lived in Canada.

(2) **Ella Zimmerman**. Her married name is **Peterson** and she lives at North Branch, Minnesota.

(3) **Michael Zimmerman Jr.**, lives in the west.

(4) **Wesley Zimmerman** lives in the west.

(5) **Laura Zimmerman** is married and lives at White Bear, Minn.

**VII. SAM ZIMMERMAN**, when last heard from, was living at Wenatchee, Washington. He was married and had two sons, whose names are unknown.

**VIII. ADAM ZIMMERMAN** died at Eagle River, Minn, about ten years ago. He left no children.

**IX. EDWARD ZIMMERMAN** died in infancy.

**X. PHILIP W. ZIMMERMAN** lives at Minneapolis, Minnesota. He married **Hilma Johnson**. The couple have three children as follows:

(1) **Earl Zimmerman**, who is married and lives at Minneapolis, Minn. He has four children, **Audrey, Loraine, Phyllis** and **John Zimmerman**.

(2) **Verl Zimmerman** is deceased, but left one daughter age sixteen and one son, age twenty-one.

(3) **Dorris Zimmerman** is married and has one son, **Richard**.

**XI. FLORA E. ZIMMERMAN** married **Frank Isabell**. He was a noted White Sox ball player at one time. She lives at Glenwood City, Wisconsin.

The couple had one daughter, **Myrl Isabell** who married **John Boyle**. There are two children: **William**, and **Polly Ann Boyle**.

**XII. CHARLES ZIMMERMAN**, deceased. He was married to **Leona Peterson**, and left no children.

## Dilts (Dilg) Family

CATHERINE SIMON married Peter Dilg in Europe, and the couple already had several children when they came to the United States.

Catherine Dilg and family lived on the road beyond her parent's home. The Dilg family lived either in Williams County, Ohio very near the Indiana State line, or over the line in Indiana.

There were seven children as follows:

- I. CATHERINE DILG (Stayner)
- II. JOHN DILG.
- III. MARGARET DILG (Repp)
- IV. JACOB DILG.
- V. LEWIS DILG,
- VI. PHILIP DILG.
- VII. ANNA DILG (Feldner)

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I. CATHERINE DILG STAYNER, deceased. In 1903 she lived in Orland, Indiana. Her descendants were:

- (1) Tom Stayner, deceased. He left one daughter, Mrs. Charley Johnson, of Angola, Indiana.
- (2) Ed Stayner, deceased. His descendants are four living and three dead. The living are—Louis Stayner, of Coldwater, Mich., Albert Stayner, Orland, Indiana and Charles Stayner.
- (3) Zephef Stayner, deceased.
- (4) Mary Stayner Somerlott, deceased. She left one daughter, Mrs. Ernest Johnson, address unknown.
- (5) Sarah Stayner King of Burlington, Michigan.
- (6) William Stayner, deceased. He left one child, Mrs. Darwin Harmon, of Angola, Indiana.
- (7) Anna Stayner Cooper, deceased.

II. JOHN DILG, deceased. He formerly lived at Mt. Pisgah, Lagrange County, Indiana. He left no descendants.

III. MARGARET DILG married Nicholas Repp. The couple lived at Edon, Ohio. Mr. Repp was a cabinet maker who had lost his eyesight. The Repp children were as follows:

- (1) John W. Repp. Rural Route, Hamilton, Indiana. There are no descendants.
- (2) Belle Repp married William Smith; resides Rural Route, Butler, Indiana. There are no descendants.
- (3) Lua (Louise) Repp married George Weaver of Pleasant Lake, Ind. There are no children.

(4) Anna Repp married John Willoughby. She is deceased. Her descendants are:

(a) Samuel Willoughby of Edon, Ohio, who has a son, Samuel Willoughby, Jr., of Battle Creek, Michigan.

(b) Mrs. Eunice Willoughby Royal, of Edon, Ohio. Mrs. Royal is the mother of five children who are:

Harvey Royal of Montpelier, Ohio.

Herschel Royal, of Durand, Michigan.

Edward Royal of Flint, Michigan.

Ersul Crain of Hamilton, Indiana.

Juanita Jackson (Mrs. Carl D. Jackson) of Pleasant Lake, Indiana.

(c) Graham Willoughby, has two children, John Willoughby of Mishawaka, Indiana, and Madeline Willoughby.

(5) Vina Repp Everettts, deceased. She had five children, as follows:

(a) Edna Everettts Long of Clayton, Kansas.

(b) Ethel Everettts Fultz of Lenora, Kansas.

(c) Elsie Everettts Rima of Athol, Kansas.

(d) Lavina Everettts Hirter of Clayton, Kansas.

(e) Mable Everettts.

(6) Villa Repp Hogle, deceased. There is one son, Preston Hogle, of Elyria, Ohio.

(7) Etta Repp Armstrong of Windfall, Indiana. Her children are:

(a) Bert Armstrong.

(b) Mable Armstrong.

(c) Olen Armstrong of Greentown, Indiana.

(d) Frankie Armstrong of Swinford, Indiana.

(e) Beulah Armstrong.

(8) Adam Repp, deceased. He had three boys, Bert, Norman and Audrey Repp, all of Casey, Illinois.

IV. JACOB DILG lived at Mt. Pisgah, Lagrange County, Indiana. He married Catherine Shutts. Both are dead. Their descendants have changed the old German spelling of "Dilg" to "Dilts."

They are as follows:

(1) Lewis Dilts of Route 3, Lagrange County, Indiana. His children are:

(a) Clarence Dilts, Rural Route 1, Lagrange, Indiana, married and has four children: Robert, Schuyler, Barbara, and Donald Dilts.

(b) Russell Dilts; (c) Woodward Dilts ;(d) Gladys Dilts who is married and living in Ft. Wayne, Indiana; (e) Howard Dilts, deceased; (f) LeLaura Dilts.

(2) **John Dilts**, who died in infancy.

(3) **Charles Dilts**, died about ten years ago at Lagrange County, Ind. He had a daughter, **Helen Dilts Roberts**, deceased.

(4) **Samuel Dilts** of Lagrange, Indiana. He died in 1944. His daughters are **Mrs. Velma Benninghoff** of Rural Route, Angola, Indiana and **Erma Dilts** of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

(5) **William Dilts**, of Rural Route, Columbia City, Indiana. His children are:

- (a) **Hilda Dilts Davis**, wife of **John Davis**, Rural Route, Akron, Indiana.
- (b) **June Dilts Redman**, Rural Route, No. 1, South Whitley, Indiana.
- (c) **Verlan Dilts**
- (d) **Dale Dilts**.
- (e) **Betty Jane Dilts**.
- (f) **Ford Dilts**.

(6) **Anna Dilg Keinath**, deceased. Her descendant is **Harvey Keinath**, of Route No. 1, Waterloo, Indiana. His daughter, **Eleanor Keinath** lives at Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

(7) **Mary Dilg Brown**. She had two children, both of whom are deceased.

**V. LEWIS DILG** lived in Ashley, Indiana. His wife was **Lizzie Dilg**. Both have been deceased for about twenty-five years. His descendants include **Frank Dilts** of Kimbell, Ohio, and **Emma Dilts**, deceased.

**VI. PHILIP DILG** lived either in Clarence County, Missouri, or Olathe, Kansas. His wife's name was **Mary**. The couple's children were:

- (1) **John Dilts**, of Missouri or Kansas.
- (2) **Ed Dilts**, of Missouri or Kansas.
- (3) **Savilla Dilts**, of Missouri or Kansas.

(4) **Matie Dilts Ousterhaut** living either in Elkhart, Indiana, or Niles, Michigan. Her son is **Elmer Ousterhaut** of Elkhart, Indiana.

(5) **George Dilts** of either Bronson, Michigan, or Sturgis, Michigan.

(6) **Lena Dilts** married **John Smith** of Bryan, Ohio. Their descendants are:

- (a) **John Smith**, whose daughter, **Mrs. Walter Harmon** lives in Montpelier, Ohio.
- (b) **Florence Smith Watson**, of Bryan, Ohio.
- (c) **Virgie Smith**.
- (d) **Doris Smith**.
- (e) —— Smith a son.

(7) **Vestie Dilts**, age about 4, when her parents moved to the West.

**VII. ANNA DILG FELDNER** wife of **Philip Feldner**. The couple once lived at Holly Springs, Iowa, near Sioux City.

They had a son and a daughter as follows:

(1) **Carl Feldner** lived in Los Angeles, California. He was married and had three children.

(2) —— **Feldner**, daughter (Christian name unknown) was married to a doctor. Either this daughter, or her daughter is **Mrs. Rena (or Irene) Aust** of Denver, Colorado, who has four children.

## Redding Family

One branch of the Redding family, residing in Ohio, are related to the Simons. They are descendants of **Marie Elizabeth Simon** of Rhine Bavaria.

Mrs. Kate Hoyt remembers a **Mr. Redding** from Toledo, who called at their home in Bryan, Ohio, when she was a child of about eleven years of age. There was considerable excitement in the little town that day. Everybody "loved a parade", and the Hurd Guards, were marching in their semi-military uniforms with band music. The Hurd Guards was a popular political organization of Toledo; a marching club whose purpose was to support the candidacy of a Mr. Hurd for public office. They were holding a meeting in Bryan, to retain Mr. Hurd in office, their candidate being very popular.

Late in the afternoon, Mr. Redding called at the Simon home, and introduced himself as a cousin from Toledo. Mr Simon recognized him, greeted him cordially, and the Toledo cousin remained for supper. Mrs. Hoyt remembers her father explaining to his wife that Mr. Redding was a cousin on the Simon side. That evening the Hurd Guards left by train for Toledo, and the child was allowed to go to the depot to watch the departure and to listen to the final music of the band. Mr. Redding was among the group. She never saw him again, as this seemed to have been his only trip to Bryan.

**Robert R. Weber** of Cincinnati, Ohio, a descendant of the Reddings writes the following interesting account of the family: "The original **Louis Johannes Rothing**, my great-grand father preserved the passport (Auszug) issued in Lindenheim, Rhenish Bavaria, 14th December, 1833 and I have this document well preserved to this day. In securing this passport he personally appeared with proper witness before the authorities with his wife, nee **Marie Elizabeth Simon**. The later suffered an accident enroute to America and was buried at sea, before the eyes of my grandfather, **Philip Redding** then three years of age, who said that he never wiped that memory from his mind.

**Louis Johannes Redding** was forty-five or forty-nine at the time of leaving Bavaria, being born 1778 in Rhine Bavaria, and dying about 1839 in Toledo, Ohio. He brought three children to America. An older boy went West and was never heard from. A daughter about eight years old was left in New York for the winter with a German woman recommended by the Lutheran Minister, while the family awaited the opening of the Navigation season in Albany. In the Spring, no trace of this daughter could be found. This would seem to leave Philip Redding as the only child," of Marie Elizabeth and Johann Philip Redding.

The original German name of "Rothing" means "Redding" in English, and the family soon changed to the English spelling.

**Philip Redding**, son of **Louis Johannes Rothing** and **Marie Elizabeth Simon Rothing**, was born about 1830 in Rhenish Bavaria. The name of the town is unknown but thought to be Kindenheim. He came to the United States when three or four years old. He and his father settled at Toledo, Ohio, where Mr. Rothing Senior had a sister, Mrs. Christian Hockstetter, wife of a Lutheran minister.

**Philip Redding** married **Babette Wirth**. She was born in Wurtemberg, Germany about 1845 and emigrated to the United States when about nineteen years old. Mr. Redding died about 1906 at Toledo, age seventy-six.

The couple were the parents of five children, as follows:

**I. CHRISTIAN WILHELM REDDING**, born March 10, 1858; died in youth.

**II. ALBERT REDDING**, died in youth.

**III. A third son, Christian name unknown, died early in life.**

**IV. PHILIP REDDING, JR.**, died about 1932. He left no descendants.

**V. MINNIE LOUISE REDDING** was born August 12, 1863 at Toledo, Ohio. She married **George Ambrose Weber** about 1892, at Toledo.

The couple had three sons, **Robert R., Spencer G. and Ford R. Weber**.

(1) **Robert R. Weber** was born October 31, 1893 at Toledo, Ohio. He married **Fay McKinney** at Ben's Run, West Virginia, October 9, 1916. The couple reside at Cincinnati, Ohio. The following children were born to this marriage:

(a) **Elizabeth Louise Weber**, born December 2, 1918, died December 5, 1918.

(b) **Robert McKinney Weber**, born December 6, 1920, died February 24, 1926.

(c) **Richard Robert Weber**, born June 6, 1926, married **Elizabeth Helen Bray**, at Evanston, Illinois, on July 22, 1950.

Temporarily Lt. j. g. Weber is on active duty with the U. S. Navy, stationed at the office of Naval Research, Washington, D. C.

(d) **Catherine Carlin Weber**, born February 7, 1932 and now a student at Denison University.

(2) **Spencer George Weber** was born April 20, 1896 at Toledo, Ohio. He married **Laura Holmes** at Cincinnati, Ohio. The couple have two sons, **William Spencer** and **George Holmes Weber** both born in Cincinnati, Ohio. The family now live at Hyattsville, Maryland.

(a) **William Spencer Weber** is now a Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corp.

(b) **George Holmes Weber** is now a Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corp.

(3) **Ford Richardson Weber** was born April 4th 1900 at Toledo, Ohio. He married **Elenore Montgomery Johnson** June 17, 1924 at Newark, Ohio. The couple live in Toledo, Ohio. Their children are as follows:

(a) **Nelle Louise Weber**, born July 22, 1925 at Toledo, Ohio. She married **Donald Craig McClenahan**, December 2, 1950.

(b) **Margaret Montgomery Weber**, born June 8, 1928 at Toledo, Ohio, married **David Leslie Everhart**, June 23, 1951.

(c) **Edward Ford Weber** was born July 26, 1931 at Toledo, Ohio.

# Otterbein Family

Nassau, now called Wiesbaden, was the home of the Otterbein family. The earliest known ancestor was the court-trumpeter, John Otterbein who came, about 1650, from Salzschlirf, near Fulda, to Dillenburg, and in 1658 married Agnes Deichman. They founded a family that, in a few generations, had many branches. They entered the professions, as well as the trades and agriculture.

It is unknown from which branch **JOHN OTTERBEIN**, our American Immigrant ancestor, descended, but we do know that he was born May 14, 1779, on the River Rhine, three miles from Worms. According to a straight line measuring on a map, this is less than fifty miles from Wiesbaden.

When he came of age to enter the army, he ran away and wandered over Europe, principally Italy, Spain, and France, as a shoemaker finally establishing a shoe repair shop in France. Still a German subject, he had to return to Germany once a year to stand the draft. Tiring of this procedure, he came to the United States in 1827. He had been married in Germany, and left several children in the old country, well provided for. He had assigned all his property there to his sisters, before embarking for the new world.

Here in America, **John Otterbein** met **Katherine Devendorf**, a girl of Dutch ancestry, born in Cedarville, New York, October 9, 1805; and they were married in Phillipsburg, Pennsylvania, July 4, 1833 by Rev. Charles Lewis Doubert.

Katherine died March 25, 1871 in Bridgeport, New York. John died November 7, 1884 in Cedarville, New York.

John settled in Herkimer County, New York. His wife's brother Joseph built a tavern which John bought in 1838. It was situated on one of the Four Corners of Cedarville; had three and a half acres of ground; had a ball-room, dining room, sitting rooms, bar-room, kitchen, another room, and a number of bed rooms. The stables accommodated thirty pairs of horses. It was situated eight miles from Ilion.

**George Waterman**, a descendant still lives in Cedarville, New York. His home and shop are on another corner of the Four Corners. The old hotel that John Otterbein once operated was burned down a number of years ago.

**Mrs. Cassie Crim** of Ilion, New York, another descendant, had an autograph book in which her grandfather wrote that "I was born in the beautiful country of the River Rhine, three miles from Worms. Formerly this country was called Middlefalz and now it belongs to the Kingdom of Bavaria. Marchie —the village where I was born is called Micheim Carton Gueinstadt Rhinefalz"

Mrs. Crim also wrote "my grandmother was German, born in this country, named Katherine Devendorf."

John Otterbein and wife Katherine were the parents of eight children as follows:

I. GEORGE WASHINGTON OTTERBEIN.

II. SARAH LOUISE OTTERBEIN (Wheeler)

III. JOHN WELLINGTON OTTERBEIN.

IV. HELEN JOSEPHINE OTTERBEIN (married)

V. LEORA CATHERINE (CASSIE) OTTERBEIN (Alford)

VI. SABILLA VICTORIA OTTERBEIN (Morgan)

VII. MARTHA EMERGENE (Em) OTTERBEIN (Waterman)

VIII. FERDINAND D. OTTERBEIN.

I. **GEORGE WASHINGTON OTTERBEIN**, known to the family as "Wash" Otterbein. He was born May 5, 1834 in Columbia County, New York, married March 24, 1857 and died July 9, 1891 at Chicago, Illinois. He parted from his wife. The couple had four children, as follows:

(1) **Clinton Otterbein**, who was adopted by a family named "Mills," or "Wills" who lived "out west." Nothing more is known of Clinton Otterbein. His foster mother was his maternal Aunt, his own mother's sister.

(2) **Emma Otterbein** was adopted by the Wheelers, her father's sister. She is now **Mrs. Emma Jones**, she resides in the Masonic Home at Utica, New York. There are no descendants.

(3) **Lisetta Otterbein** lived with her mother's sister. She married a **Mr. Davis**. She was killed in an automobile accident. Her one son, **Harry Davis** lives in the West. The last letter his aunt, Mrs. Emma Jones, sent him was returned unclaimed.

(4) **Frank Otterbein** stayed with his father.

II. **SARAH LOUISE OTTERBEIN**, married name is **Wheeler**, was born August 28, 1835, married in Columbia County, New York, November 26, 1856. Mrs. Wheeler had no children of her own but adopted "Wash's" Emma.

III. **JOHN WELLINGTON OTTERBEIN** was born February 6, 1837, died November, 1922. He came to Ohio when he was nineteen years old, and married **Mary Runyan Talbert**, September 11, 1862 at Middletown, Ohio. She was born January, 1842 and died October, 1922. The couple had six children: **Anna, Sarah Catherine, Ferdinand D., Nathan, Charles, and Earl Otterbein**.

(1) **Anna Mary Otterbein** born June 9, 1863 married **Bert (Gilbert) Templar**. They moved to Antioch, California. Both are deceased. She died January 14, 1932. They were the parents of five children, as follows:

(a) **Robert Wellington Templar**, born April 25, 1891, at Middletown, Ohio. He married **Bee Alice Summers** and now resides at Sacramento, Calif.

Their daughter, **Alice Bee Templar** married **George Bowden**, and has four children: **Gilbert, Roberta Anne, George William, and Lawrence Jon Bowden**. The Bowden family also live in Sacramento, Calif.

(b) **Earl Julian Templar**, born February 21, 1895 at Childdsdale, Mich., married **Dorothy Sanderson**. She died in May, 1949. His present wife is **Esther Christian Templar**, and the couple reside in Antioch, Calif.

Mr. Templar has two daughters, **Margaret Jane** and **Dorothy G.**

**Margaret Jane Templar** is married to **Ermel Hosley** and the couple live in San Jose, Calif., and have two children, **Richard Templar** and **Frederick Hosley**.

**Dorothy G. Templar** married **Archie Diment**. The couple live in Eugene, Oregon and have two children, **Sandra** and **Archie Diment**.

(c) **Mary Elizabeth (Bess) Templar**, born January 28, 1897 in Middletown, Ohio, married **Bernard Mahr** and lives in Antioch, Calif.

There were two daughters born to this marriage, **Helen Elizabeth** and **Ruth Bernardine Mahr**.

**Helen Elizabeth Mahr** died December 20, 1944, aged seventeen.

**Ruth Bernardine Mahr** married **Robert W. Strange**. The couple reside in San Francisco, Calif.

(d) **Anna Gilberta Templar**, born April 21, 1899 in Watsonville, Calif., married **John Mason**, and resides in Pittsburg, Calif. They are the parents of two daughters, **Anna May**, and **Barbara Lee Mason**.

**Anna May Mason** married **Eugene W. Davis**. The couple live in Concord, Calif., and have three children: **Patricia Anne**, **Ronald Eugene**, and **Richard John Davis**.

**Barbara Lee Mason** married **Gerald W. Rehborg**. The couple live in Concord, Calif., and have one child, **Elizabeth Helen Rehborg**.

(e) **Charles Otterbein Templar** was born November 2, 1902 in Antioch, California, and died, March 17, 1903.

(2) **Sarah Catherine Otterbein**, called **Kate** by the family, married **Samuel R. Julien**. She died, April 25, 1933. He died September 1, 1936. The couple had three children: **Lucille**, **Mary Laverne**, and **Clinton Talbert Julien**.

(a) **Lucille Julien** married **William H. Kirk**. The Kirks now live in Birmingham, Michigan, with a married daughter. They have another daughter and son, **William Julien Kirk**.

(b) **Mary Laverne Julien** married **Norman Howland**. There are no descendants.

(c) **Clinton Talbert Julien** married **Elizabeth Mount**. They live in Hodge, Louisiana.

(3) **Ferdinand Duvendorf Otterbein**, known as "Ferd", married **Elizabeth Butterfield**. He died July 19, 1920, and she died early in 1920, about six months before Ferd.

The couple had four sons as follows:

(a) **Paul Donald Otterbein** of Klamath Falls, Oregon.

(b) **Charles David Otterbein**, married **Velma Strodtbeck**. They live at Butler, Indiana.

(c) **John Wendell Otterbein**.

(d) **Edward Otterbein**. He lives at Middletown, Ohio.

(4) **Nathan Otterbein** died at Klamath Falls, Oregon, a number of years ago. He left no descendants.

(5) **Charles Otterbein** died when a young man.

(6) **Earl Otterbein (Joseph Earl)** married **Helen Stubbs**. They live at Middletown, Ohio, and have four children as follows:

(a) **Mary Helen Otterbein**.

(b) **John Elmer Otterbein**, married **Mary Margerun**. The couple have one daughter, **Anna Mary Otterbein**.

(c) **Tom Talbert Otterbein**.

(d) **Robert Nathan Otterbein**.

Miss Mary Helen Otterbein writes of her grandfather, **John Wellington Otterbein**, the early settler of Ohio, "Grandfather was a handsome man when I knew him; tall blue eyed, with a neatly trimmed white beard. Grandmother was a tall, hazel eyed woman, warm hearted, kindly, generous, and tolerant. Her Sunday School class still bears her name. They were a truly fine couple."

**IV. HELENA JOSEPHINE OTTERBEIN** was born September 25, 1839, married at Brookfield, New York, February 11, 1862, died at Bridgewater, March 20, 1871. She had no children.

**V. LEORA CATHERINE (Cassie) OTTERBEIN** was born July 8, 1841, married to **Oscar Alford**, February 29, 1860 at Cedarville, New York.

**Mrs. Cassie Crim**, of Ilion, New York, wrote several years ago as follows: "Cassie, my dear mother, married **Oscar Alford**. She had three girls, all deceased but me. I will be seventy-four this Fall. We have no children. My mother was ninety-one when she died."

Mrs. Cassie Crim died in Ilion, New York in 1947.

**VI. SEBILLA VICTORIA OTTERBEIN**, born April 29, 1843, was married at Utica, New York, November 15, 1864 to **William Morgan**. The couple had four children, **Katherine**, **Josephine**, **William**, and **Florence Morgan**. All are deceased.

(1) **Katie (Katherine) Morgan**, born July 18, 1867, married **Irving Whitfield Ingersoll**. He was born, July 4, 1861 and died September 8, 1936. She died, May 8, 1940. The couple lived at Ilion, New York, and left three descendants as follows:

(a) **Katherine Ingersoll** residing at Oneonta, New York.

(b) **Irma Ingersoll** who died August 26, 1947.

(c) **Ivan Ingersoll** who married **Yvonne Bernicka**. They live in Paris, France.

(2) **Josephine Morgan** married **Burton Slaughter**. The couple lived in Ilion, New York. They had four sons, **Roy**, **Russell**, **Alan R.** and **Harry Slaughter**.

(a) **Roy Slaughter** married **Margaret Maxwell**. The couple live on a farm, Route 2, Ilion, New York, and have a son, **Stanley Slaughter**. Stanley married **Ada Jewett**, and has a daughter, **Barbara Jacqueline Slaughter**.

(b) Russell Slaughter married Ina Jones. The couple reside Route 1, Ilion, New York. They have one child only, a son, Roger Slaughter.

(c) Alan R. Slaughter married Helen Mathews. The couple live on Route 2, Ilion, New York. They have a son, Gerald Slaughter.

(d) Harry Slaughter married Mae Smith, lives on Route 1, Ilion, New York. There are no children.

(3) William Morgan married Lillian Crumb. Their three children were, Rose, Gladys, and Harold Morgan.

(a) Rose Morgan married Milo Seckner. They formerly lived at Cedarville, (R. D., Ilion, New York,) but have now moved to Flagler Beach, Florida. The couple have two married daughters, Marie and Ruth.

Marie Seckner married Stanley DiStefano, lives at Guin Island. They have three children, Matilda, Stanley and \_\_\_\_\_ (boy) DiStefano.

Ruth Seckner married Clark Stafford. The couple live in New Jersey. She has a son by a former marriage named, William Dean.

(b) Gladys Morgan married Francis Day. He is deceased. Their daughter, Betty Day is married and has a child, Mrs. Gladys Morgan Day lives in Brooklyn, New York.

(c) Harold Morgan married Belle Davis. He is deceased. The couple had three sons, William, Glen and Gerald Morgan.

William Morgan is married and lives at Washington Mills, New York.

Glen Morgan married Betty Scofield. The couple live at New Hartford, New York, and have several children.

Gerald Morgan is unmarried.

(4) Florence Morgan never married. She died in 1929.

VII. MARTHA EMERGENE (Em) OTTERBEIN born November 8, 1846, was married at Cedarville, New York, June 3, 1877 to Wardell Waterman. She died, April 21, 1921 at Cedarville, New York. The couple had two sons John Waterman, of Chicago, Illinois, and George Waterman, who lives in the old homestead at Cedarville, New York.

VIII. FERDINAND DEVENDORF OTTERBEIN was born November 25, 1848 and died May 28, 1874 at Cedarville, New York. This youngest son was unfortunate. He fell and hurt his back, causing him to be crippled. He never married and died in manhood.



















